

## **Timberbank School Council Minutes - December 4, 2017**

### **1. Viability Review/Playground**

- Mary and Lynn updated the council on the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Viability Review/Playground planning
- Planning team presented a draft map of ideas to determine what was workable and what needed changes
- Plan still does not mean all areas will be incorporated from the plan or what portion the review team would pay for
- Next meeting is January 18 at 2:00 pm**

### **2. PRO Grant**

- Karen presented the "Scientist in the School" Parent Council Newsletter that had programs for:
  1. Hosting a Family Science Night
  2. Fun Fair Involvement
- Karen will be investigating both programs for consideration and costs

### **3. Donations and Raffle for Winter concert & Move-A-Thon**

#### Winter Concert plan:

- Mary and Lynn summarized what happened last year
- We may still have donations stored in the backroom (Karen will check)
- Notice should go home this Friday to let parents know to bring in a donation for the raffle at the Winter concert
- Mary suggested we ask for one small contribution (can even be dollar store items) from everyone and each class puts together a gift basket to be raffled off
- Karen will supply the baskets
- Jeff will pick up raffle tickets at Party City (we are out from the Fair)
- Lynn has left over spinners that didn't sell at the Fair – we plan to sell at the winter concert for \$5.00 – we will put aside 2 class sets of spinners for class use in math/probability and sell the rest

#### Move-A-thon Plan:

- Need approx. 500.00 worth of prizes, plus donations (Shown to kids in glass display)
- Group discussed Nintendo Switch or Great Wold Lodge or Sheraton Pass as the big prizes
- Mary offered to pick up some prizes during the holidays that may be on sale after Christmas

### **4. Parent Survey Results:**

Parent Workshops most popular were:

- Internet Safety
- Positive Disciplining – Public Health can Offer for free
- Understanding Stress in Children – Public health can offer for free
- Homework and Helping My child on the Go – possibly put on for free by TDSB employee

Best time for workshops was evenings (6:30 – 8:00 pm)

Childcare should be made available and possibly translators

#### **5. A Wish list of items was suggested from the school**

- Jeff asked if we could outline the costs of each of the items to help them make decisions of need
- Many of the parents were interested in Robotics, STEM, Technology and Mine Craft purchases to support new learning in the school. Concern may be as to who teaches these new programs and/or clubs within a small school and limited staff
- Parents asked if we could present their swishes to the staff

#### **6. Facility Condition Index**

- Jeff brought up concerns about Timberbank's Index rating and a number of Facility Items marked Urgent
- Karen clarified the meaning of "Urgent" vs. Health & Safety ... along with the Renewal Needs Backlog in the TDSB. If there is a real risk to any of the building systems it will be taken care of immediately.

#### **9. Math club at Timberbank**

- A parent raised an interest in a Math club
- there would be a need for a Timberbank staff member to at least supervise in order for it to happen
- there would also be a need for parent(s) to volunteer their expertise
- would the club be more for homework support or math enrichment

#### **10. Principals' Report**

- previous moth happenings were reported and highlighted
- what is coming up this month at Timberbank was also highlighted

#### **11. PIAC**

- Jeff reported on the flyer for Fun Fairs from superior to investigate/compare prices and a program called "Talk with our Kids About Money"
- Jeff also shared his experience from the last Parent Conference with learning the "new math" from Trevor Brown. He received a number of math examples and will be sharing his booklet online

**Next Meeting will be on January 15, 2018 – Happy Holidays to Everyone!**